collect dir — Display names of all collections in memory

Description

`collect dir` lists all collections in memory and identifies the current collection. `collect` by itself is a synonym for `collect dir`.

Syntax

```
collect dir

collect
```

Remarks and examples

After creating one or more collections, you can use `collect dir` to learn about the collections you have in memory.

`collect dir` provides a report such as

```
. collect dir
Collections in memory
Current: means
──────────────────────────
       Name   No. items
──────────────────────────
    default   14
      means   12
regressions   134
──────────────────────────
```

Above the table, we find that `means` is the name of our current collection. In the table, we learn that we have three collections in memory named `default`, `means`, and `regressions`. For each of these collections, `collect dir` reports the number of items in the collection. These items are the values collected from results of Stata commands, values that we can include in the cells of a table that we construct.

By default, new results collected by the `collect` prefix or `collect get` command will be stored in the current collection. Likewise, new table layouts, styles, and labels will apply to the current collection. Also, any exported tables will be based on the current collection. If you would like to work with a different collection, you can use `collect set` to specify that another collection from this list become the current collection.

To learn about commands for exploring the contents of one of these collections, see [TABLES] **collect dims** and [TABLES] **collect levelsof**.

Also see

[TABLES] **collect dims** — List dimensions in a collection

[TABLES] **collect get** — Collect results from a Stata command

[TABLES] **collect set** — Set the current (active) collection

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